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1. The possible political autonomy of the Wendish Districts of Upper Silesia was discussed by SMA Karlsruher and Drexler, and ADM Berlin and Saxony. The proposal for an independent Wend state, including Kamenz, Hoyerswerda, Bautzen, Zittau, and Lohde, with Bautzen as the capital, is to be submitted to the Saxony legislature before the end of March. The state would subsequently be a member of the Federation of eastern Slavic Nations.

2. The plan is opposed by the Catholic Wends who fear the religious effects of close ties with the USSR and her satellites. However, Wend leaders fully support Soviet aims. [redacted] five kreises appear to be involved with an area of 1,266 square miles. Of the 400,000 to 600,000 population, fewer than 100,000 speak Wendish.

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